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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated 2 May 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document to replace the previously submitted Abstract.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: